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In re Patent Application of:
Walter V. Klemp

Application No.: 09/418,902 Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: October 15, 1999 Examiner: Michele M Kidwell

For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH
CONTAINMENT STRUCTURE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 2, 2003

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: